Emmanuel Episcopal Church



17th Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025

We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship: in the pews, in the chapel Prayground, or in the parish hall!

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website along with the weekly announcements: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org. Wi-Fi: Emmanuel Guest - Password: Behold961

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zhoⁿ (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with Indigenous communities today as we all work toward racial justice, equity, and liberation for all people.

Prelude: Prélude, op. 18 César Franck Opening Hymn: When morning gilds the skies Hymnal 427 1 When morn - ing gilds skies, heart, cries, the my a - wak - ing, 2 When mirth for mu sic longs, this is my song of songs: 3 No love - lier phon high heaven known an ti in all 4 Ye na - tions of man kind, in this your con - cord find: that Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, see his face. ye Je - sus Christ praised! fall, be When - ning may sha - dows Je - sus Christ God's may be praised! ho ly house of prayer There Word 3 than, Je - sus Christ praised! thee - ter be nal Je - sus Christ 4 may be praised! Let all the earth round a Je - sus Christ praised! God's 5 sing, be whole cre a tion o'er, this rings my call, Christ be praised! cur - few may sus hath Christ be none that can com - pare with: praised! Ie sus 3 the e Christ be praised! ter - nal psalm is heard: may sus Christ be praised! ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je sus Christ be 5 both now and ev - er - more shall praised! Je sus

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: Laudes Domini, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

The Word of God

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God forever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Letra: Basada en Lucas 2:14; Pablo D. Sosa, n.1933 Música: Pablo D. Sosa, n.1933 © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer. (1:1-6)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people..

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137 Super flumina BCP, 792

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song * upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, *
 if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

A reading from the letter to Timothy.

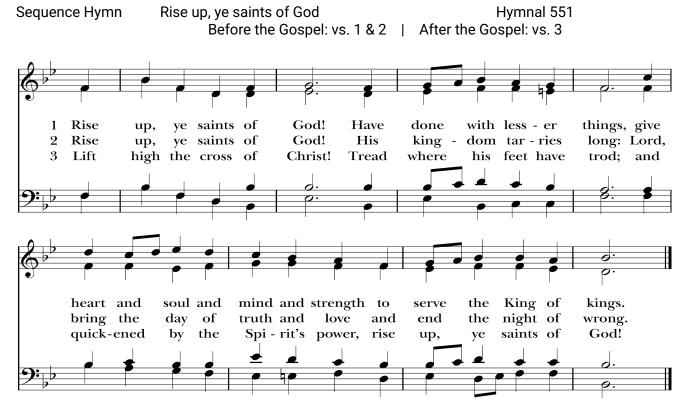
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God



Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: Festal Song, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" (17:5-10)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

An Expression of Faith

Deacon/Priest We stand in body or spirit to affirm our faith. Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon/Priest We are not alone, we live in God's world.

People We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

Deacon/Priest We trust in God.

People We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with

respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for the whole human family and for the world of which we are stewards,

praying, O God our strength and Redeemer ...

People: We put our trust in you.

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that you may rekindle the spirit of power and love within us:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, and Warren our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of the Episcopal Church of St. Michael and St. George in Clayton; we pray for our Connections partner, the Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Happy Kitchen;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for our tech ministers and for our outreach ministry providing meals to the Fountain Park neighborhood in North St. Louis;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week;
 We pray, O God our strength and Redeemer...

People: We put our trust in you.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer ...

People: We put our trust in you.

Leader: For our city and those who live in it, for abundant fruits of the earth, for this good and bountiful world, and all its life forms and its fragile resources; we pray, O God, our strength and Redeemer...

People: We put our trust in you.

Leader: We pray for the poor and for all those in need; we pray for the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families; the homeless, immigrants, and refugees, and the victims of violence, abuse, and oppression; in our parish family, we pray for Debby and for those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for those in public service and those who serve and are deployed in the armed forces; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer...

People: We put our trust in you.

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer...

People: We put our trust in you.

Leader: For all who rest in Christ, for all who have died, especially Tyson Boyd Knapp, and for those who grieve; we pray, O God our strength and Redeemer...

People: We put our trust in you.

The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect

The Confession

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: Eternal Mother, Compassionate Father, we confess that we have believed the lie that we are not in you and you are not in us, and we have lived that lie in what we have done, and by letting things go undone. We have forgotten to love you with our whole heart; we have refused to love our neighbors, and we have failed to love ourselves. We are ready now to change this, to receive the gift of your healing and wholeness. Knowing the frailty of our humanity, we open ourselves to the strength of your divinity. We ask you to overshadow us and breathe new life into us, for only then are we able to follow you in your way, serve the welfare of your people, and glorify your Holy Name by our lives. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **People: Amen.**

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka. The peace of Christ be always with you. Y con tu espiritu. Neetho kooda. And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Walk Together, Children Emmanuel Choir

Moses Hogan

There's a great camp meetin'.

Lawd, a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Oh, walk together, children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Gonna walk (sing, shout) an' never tire, there's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

The Doxology

The offerings are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer C

The people sit, stand, or kneel as they choose.

Celebrant: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will, they were created and have their being.

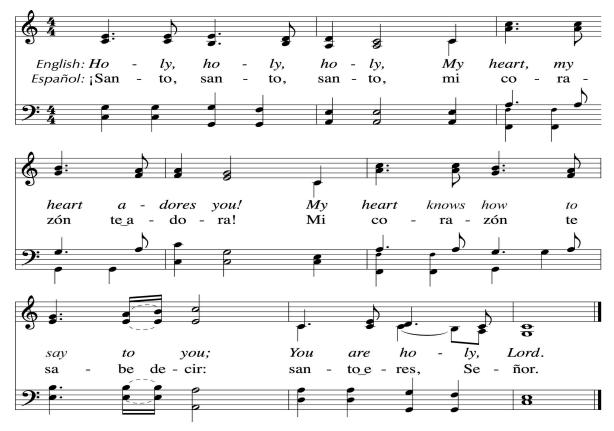
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Letra: Anónima de Argentina, alt.; tr. al inglés por *Sing a New Creation* Música: ARGENTINE SANTO, 6 7 9 5; melodía popular de Argentina; arr. por Jorge A. Lockward, n.1965, © 2000

The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. + Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

+ Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Abba of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **People: AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

in the language of our hearts,

Our Father, who are in heaven hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.

People: Holy word and Holy wisdom, satisfy our deepest needs.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).

The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, and dairy-free. The communion

bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

Wine: You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not

reach into the cup of wine. OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by

the Eucharistic Minister.

Blessing: If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a

Blessing

Communion Anthem O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Emmanuel Small Ensemble

Robert Lehman

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, where'er our changing lot is cast; glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast. For thee, our restless spirits yearn the fount of life, and our true light, we seek the peace thy love imparts and stand rejoicing in thy sight.

We taste thee, thou living Bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountainhead, our thirsting souls to quench and fill. O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright; And chase the darkest night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light!



Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918). Music: Maryton, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us

with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and

continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

The Dismissal

Deacon: Our worship has ended. Now our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and

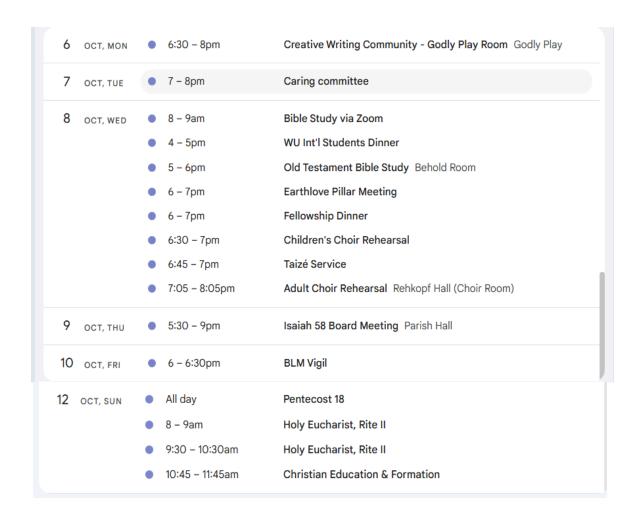
serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Prelude in A minor Johannes Brahms

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Jodie Johnson and her descendant daughters, granddaughter, grandson, and son-in-law who all have birthdays in October from Lissa Johnson.

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar



Please check the online calendar for the most updated scheduled events. Thank you!

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.





The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of Missouri
The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, Rector
The Rev. Susanna Clive, Associate Priest
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